

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating an online meeting over a data network  
2 between a host party with a first computer and an attendee party with a second computer,  
3 where a phone connection exists over a telephone network between a first phone of the  
4 host party and a second phone of the attendee party, the method comprising:  
5 receiving a start meeting command at a first adaptor coupled to the first phone and  
6 the first computer;  
7 in response to the first adaptor receiving the start meeting command, causing, by  
8 the first adaptor, the first computer to send a start meeting message over the data network  
9 to a data center;  
10 receiving a meeting identification from the data center;  
11 storing the meeting identification in the first adaptor; and  
12 transmitting the meeting identification from the first adaptor over the telephone  
13 network to a second adaptor, which is coupled to both the second phone and the second  
14 computer.
- 1 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising:  
2 receiving the meeting identification into the second adaptor; and  
3 using the second adaptor to send a join meeting message over the data network to  
4 the data center.
- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the telephone network comprises a public  
2 switched telephone network.
- 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data network comprises an internet.
- 1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 encoding the meeting identification by the first adaptor prior to transmitting the  
3 meeting identification over the telephone network to the second adaptor.

1 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the second adaptor receives the  
2 meeting identification by monitoring the phone connection to detect the encoded meeting  
3 identification.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said encoding converts the meeting identi-  
2 fication into a dual tone multiple frequency (DTMF) signal.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 initiating an audio recording of the meeting by user input on one of said adaptors.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 recording audio of the meeting from the phone connection through one of said  
3 adaptors to the computer coupled thereto.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 recording audio of the meeting from the phone connection within flash memory of  
3 one of the said adaptors.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 enabling a privilege-to-record field for the attendee prior to allowing an audio re-  
3 cording of the meeting by way of the second adaptor.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 a third party with a third computer joining the meeting using a third adaptor which  
3 is coupled to both a third phone and a third computer.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 receiving an audio message from the data center and playing the audio message to  
3 one of said parties.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the audio message includes instructions  
2 relating to the meeting.

1 15-28. (Canceled)

1 29. (Currently Amended) An adaptor product configured to bridge a telephone network  
2 and a data network, the adaptor product comprising:

3 means for receiving a start meeting command at the adaptor product;

4 means for causing, in response to the adaptor product receiving the start meeting  
5 | command, a first computer coupled to the adaptor product to transmit a start meeting  
6 message over the data network to a data center;

7 means for receiving a meeting identification from the data center into the adaptor  
8 product; and

9 means for transmitting the meeting identification from the adaptor product over  
10 the telephone network to a second adaptor product.

1 30-35. (Canceled)

1 36. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

2 a plurality of interfaces operable to couple the apparatus to a first phone and a  
3 first computer;

4 a user input mechanism operable to receive a start meeting command;

5 | a microprocessor operable to cause the first computer coupled to the apparatus to  
6 send a start meeting message over a data network to a data center, in response to receipt  
7 | of the start meeting command at the user input mechanism of the apparatus;

8 a memory operable to store a meeting identification received from the data center;  
9 and

10            wherein the microprocessor is further operable to cause the first phone to transmit  
11   the meeting identification over a telephone network to a second apparatus, which is cou-  
12   pled to a second phone and a second computer.

1   37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:  
2          a codec operable to encode the meeting identification prior to transmission of the  
3   meeting identification over the telephone network to the second apparatus.

1   38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:  
2          a modem operable to convert the meeting identification into a dual tone multiple  
3   frequency (DTMF) signal.

1   39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:  
2          a flash memory operable to store an audio recording of the meeting.

1   40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces  
2   include a Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface operable to couple the apparatus to the  
3   first computer and registered jack (RJ) interface operable to couple the apparatus to the  
4   first phone.

1   41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces  
2   are further operable to receive an audio message to be played from the data center.

1   42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces  
2   are further operable to receive an audio message, wherein the audio message includes in-  
3   structions relating to the meeting.